

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

14. (New) A method for facilitating collaborative viewing by a plurality of collaborators at respective clients in communication with a network of at least one resource available from at least one server computer in communication with a network, the method practiced at a collaboration server in communication with said network, the method comprising

receiving from at least one of said clients at least one resource selection message comprising information identifying said at least one resource,

responding to said at least one resource selection message by generating at least one locator message addressed to said at least first and second clients, each of said locator messages comprising at least one locator associated with said at least one resource, and

sending said locator messages to said network for delivery to said at least first and second clients.

15. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said collaboration server and at least one of said clients are co-located.

16. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein said collaboration server and said at least one of said clients are resident in the same computer.

17. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said at least one resource comprises at least one hypertext document having an associated URL.

18. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said at least one resource comprises a plurality of documents, the ordered selection of which is controlled by said at least one resource selection message received from said at least one of said clients.

19. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein, at any particular time, said responding is limited to responding to resource selection messages received from exactly one of said clients.

20. (New) The method of claim 19 wherein, said exactly one of said clients is a collaboration leader.

21. (New) The method of claim 20 wherein a new collaboration leader is designated for subsequent time by a currently received new-leader message received from a current collaboration leader designating said new collaboration leader, said collaboration server responding to said new-leader message by sending a notification message to said network addressed to each of said collaborators to announce the new leader, the one of said notification messages to said new leader including a token empowering said new leader with status as a collaboration leader.

22. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein, at any particular time, resource selection messages may be received from more than one of said clients.

23. (New) The method of claim 18 wherein said plurality of documents is identified in said at least one resource selection message.

24. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said at least one resource selection message further comprises information identifying a plurality of collaborators to whom said resource locator message is to be sent.

25. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said resource selection message is associated with a collaboration session, and wherein said resource selection message further comprises session identification information, said session identification information identifying said plurality of collaborators and authentication information available to said collaboration server relating to each of said plurality of collaborators.

26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein said authentication information is based on information received from at least one of said clients prior to receipt of a resource selection message associated with said session.

27. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein said resource locator message is sent to said network for delivery to particular collaborators only after the identity of said particular collaborators have been authenticated.

28. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein said generating a locator message addressed to said at least first and second clients comprises receiving from a database identification information for a plurality of collaborators associated with said session.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 further comprising receiving addresses for said plurality of collaborators from a database.

30. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said locator messages identify resources that can be viewed at by client using browser software.

31. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said sending locator messages to said network comprises sending Internet Protocol messages to said network.

32. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said at least one resource comprises at least one World Wide Web page comprising information formatted as hypertext protocol information.

33. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein said at least one locator message addressed to said at least first and second clients is addressed to respective IP addresses of each of said at least first and second clients.